

THE TOWN OF TINMOUTH, VERMONT



Annual Report of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

**The 2020 Town Report is dedicated to
Hollis Squier**

Hollis retired from the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department after 51 years as a member. He served 35-40 years as Chief or Assistant Chief.

The Department was formed in 1967, and Hollis joined a couple of years later when he was just 14 or 15 years old! The Fire Department then had one truck, a tanker, that lived in what is now the “Old” Fire House. It has since grown to the “New” Fire House where 2 pumpers, 2 tankers, and a rescue truck live.

Being the Road Commissioner for over 30 years meant he was readily available for any fire call as well.

Your dedication and lifelong commitment to serving and caring for Tinmouth is greatly appreciated. We are happy to report that you have developed a back-to-back hug so you are able to continue your Town Hugger role (officially appointed by the Select Board in 1998).



2011 Town Parade



Covid-19

2020 saw the emergence of Covid-19 – a worldwide Corona virus Pandemic that, as this Town Report is being prepared, has killed over 400,000 US Citizens, and many others now have long lasting side effects. So this Town Report also honors the many essential workers who live or work in Tinmouth, and who have kept all of us safe and able to travel for grocery shopping, health care, and other needs. Special thanks to folks who picked up food and medicine for friends and neighbors; folks who stayed home as the Governor asked; and parents who dealt with remote learning when the school closed. Thank you as well to the teachers and health care workers for your efforts and energy to deal with many changes due to the Pandemic. Thank you to everyone in town for navigating this time, which has required resiliency and patience, kindness, care, and good humor. We are Vermont Strong, and we are Tinmouth Strong.

~ On the cover ~

Signs of the times ~ time to ride a horse to the Town Office, which was closed to the public, and then semi-opened with everyone wearing a mask. The sixth-grade graduation was a drive-in event. A double rainbow on North End Road, a sign of hope for 2021.

~ Photos of Town Meeting included herein were taken before the mid-March shut-down ~

~ Photo credits ~

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TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Elected Town and School Officers – Elected in 2020 (Bold)

Moderator: Stan Wilbur *

Town Clerk: Gail Fallar (2023)

Town & School Treasurer: Gail Fallar (2023)

Select Board: Michael Fallar (2021)*
Frank Sears, Chair (2022)
Cathy Reynolds (2023)

Mill River Unified Union School District Director:
Amy Martone (2022)
(has resigned as of Town Meeting 2021)

Community Center Board: Ann Czar (2022)

Road Commissioner: Eric Buffum (2021)*

Listers: Pat Psholka (2021)*
Shirley Bucceri (2022)
Gail Fallar (2023)

Auditors: Vito Macaluso (2021)*
Sandy Goyette (2022)
Nancy Birdsall (2023)

Delinquent Tax Collector: Catherine Yoder *

* Term expires this year ó 2021; () - Year term expires

**Officers Elected at General Election
(November 2020)**

Justices of the Peace

Tina Casey
Nelson Jaquay

Marshall Squier

Michael Fallar
Matthew Patry

Positions now Appointed by Select Board

Constable: (First) Paul Morris (2021)*

Grand Juror: Glenn D. Merrill *
2020 Vermont Legislature changed from Elected to òmay be appointedö.

Town Agent: Rick Fallar * Position eliminated by the 2020 VT Legislature

** Thank you to Glenn, who served over 30 years to as Grand Juror
and thank you to Rick who served over 10 years as Town Agent.*

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2020 (Bold, for those with terms. Most others are annual.)

Board of Adjustment

Bart Eaton, Chair (2022)
Sherry Johnson (2023)
Robert Lloyd (2021)*
Robert Noble (2021)*
Grant Reynolds (2021)*
Stan Wilbur (2023)
Vito Macaluso (2022)

Planning Commission

Michael Fallar, Chair (2023)
Larry Carabeau (2023)
Andy Gilmore (2021) *
Kim Harbaugh (2022)
Robert Lloyd (2022)
Vito Macaluso (2023)
Pat Psholka (2021) *
Grant Reynolds (2022)
Rainbow Squier (2021) *

Zoning Administrator

Gail Fallar (2023)

911 Coordinator

Gail Fallar

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Robert Lloyd, Commissioner
Michael Fallar, Alternate

RRPC Regional Transportation Council

Grant Reynolds Michael Fannin, *alternate*

Solid Waste Alliance Communities

Chris Martone Wheaton Squier, Alternate

Tinmouth Library Trustee

Gene Usher (2022)

Rutland Free Library Trustee

Barry Cohen (2024)

Health Officer

Frank Sears
Theresa Schmelzenbach, Deputy

Pound Keeper

Glenn D. Merrill

Fence Viewers

Caleb Scott Ralph Lewis
Glenn D. Merrill Grant Reynolds
Michael Fallar

Tree Warden

David Birdsall Wheaton Squier, Deputy

Green-Up Day Committee

Doug Fontein
Ed Hasenohr
Nelson Jaquay

Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee

Select Board

Animal Control Officers

David Birdsall
1st Constable

Emergency Management

Michael Fannin, Director
Ray Pratt, Coordinator (*appointed by Director*)

Town Huggers

Hollis Squier Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

Community Center Board

Cathy Reynolds (appointed by Select Board)
Amy Martone (appointed by School Board)
Ann Czar (2022) (elected at Town Mtg.)

Weighers of Coal

Michael Fannin Cathy Reynolds

Inspector of Lumber & Shingles

Doug Fontein Michael Fallar

Energy Committee

Ray Pratt Cathy Reynolds
Todd Dennis

Tree Policy Committee

Frank Sears Sherry Johnson
Eric Buffum Gail Fallar
David Birdsall Wheaton Squier

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Officers Appointed by Select Board – 2020 *Continued*

Conservation Commission

Jeff Ams (2024)
 Chuck Bronk (2022)
 Doug Fontein, Chair (2021)*
 Ed Hasenohr (2022)
 Nelson Jaquay (2024)
 Robbie Leeds (2023)
 Jo Reynolds (2022), *resigned*
 Rainbow Squier (2022)

Safety & Wellness Committee

Ronnie Crossman
 Chris Martone
 Gail Fallar
 Ray Pratt, Chair
 Frank Sears

Tinmouth Website Committee

Nancy Gucker Birdsall
 Sherry Johnson
 Todd Dennis
 Cathy Reynolds

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Jonathan Czar
 Helen Mango
 Gail Fallar
 Chris Martone
 Wheaton Squier, Chair

Old Creamery Committee

Grant Reynolds, Chair
 Doug Fontein
 Michael Fallar
 Stan Wilbur
 Vito Macaluso

Public Works Building Committee

Theresa Butts, Co-Chair
 Cathy Reynolds, Co-Chair
 David Birdsall
 Michael Fallar
 Andy McCullough
 Eric Buffum
 Ron Crossman
 Bart Eaton
 Harold Hunter
 Hollis Squier
 Lothar Schmelzenbach

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Notices

Town Clerk-Office Hours: The Town Office hours have been adjusted due to the Pandemic.
 Masks are required to enter the office.

Monday & Thursday, 9 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 and most Saturdays 9 ó 12 *Or by appointment if necessary.*
 Telephone: 802-446-2498; Fax: 802-446-2498
 E-mail: tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

Dumpcards, dog licenses, zoning permits, tax payments can be done via mail or email (preferred methods for now.)

Tinmouth Website: tinmouthvt.org

Town Calendar - Monthly Meetings (Being held virtually until further notice.)

<i>Select Board</i>	Town Office	2 nd Thursday & 4 th Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Planning Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Thursday 7:00 p.m.
<i>Volunteer Fire Dept.</i>	Fire House	1 st Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<i>Tinmouth Energy Committee</i>	Town Office	<i>Scheduled every other month</i>
<i>Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society</i>	Town Office	4 th Sunday <i>(on hold due to Pandemic)</i>
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	Town Office	3 rd Monday every other month
<i>Additional Town Committees</i>	Town Office	<i>Will be scheduled as needed</i>

Emergency Number

Fire Department, Rescue Squad/Ambulance, State Police **Dial 911**
If 911 is not operational, call the Tinmouth Fire House @ 446-2460

TOWN OF TINMOUTH

Notices (continued)

Fire Permit

If there is no snow on the ground, a fire permit is required to burn grass or brush within 200 feet of any woodland.

For information about a fire permit call Glenn D. Merrill, 446-2782 or Wheaton Squier, 446-2082.

Glenn D. Merrill, Fire Warden Wheaton Squier, Deputy

To report a FOREST FIRE, call 911.

Voting

To Vote in a Town Election One Must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be 18 years of age or over.
3. Have taken the Voter's Oath in the State of Vermont.

Please contact the Town Clerk for an application to the Check List. You can also register through the DMV, or online at My Voter Page: mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

Vermont has instituted **same-day voter registration**, meaning that if you have not previously registered to vote and want to do so on election day, you can register then and there.

You do need to be a resident of the town in which you are registering to vote, and must provide proof of residency (like a utility bill), and identification (driver's license).

Transfer Station Hours ~ Please wear a mask ~

The Transfer Station (for trash disposal and recycling) is open Saturday morning 8:00-12:00 and Wednesday afternoon 4:00-7:00. A punch ticket is required (\$25 for 10 punches or \$125 for 50 punches). Each 30-gallon bag of trash is 1 punch (\$2.50). Larger items are priced according to size.

Recycling is FREE

1. Zero sort for glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1-7 plastic (meaning you don't have to separate these items)
2. Paper & sort into newspaper; corrugated cardboard; and all other papers
3. Metal (except for refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners, as all contain Freon)

Punch tickets must be obtained at the Town Office. Information sheets are available at the Transfer Station or Town Office.

Electronics & Computers and Computer peripherals & no charge & special containers for collection in shed.

Household Hazardous Waste will no longer be collected in Town. See special collection locations and dates on Page 38-39.

Library Hours - Limited access due to the pandemic for now. We hope to resume regular hours soon.

Ruth Drachman, Librarian

Zoning & Subdivision Regulations

Permits are required for the following:

New driveways (Driveway)-No Fee

New Building Construction or Alteration (Zoning) - \$5.00 Fee*

Change of Use (Zoning) - \$5.00 Fee*

Subdivision of Land (Subdivision) - \$25.00 Fee*

Application to Board of Adjustment - \$25.00 Fee*

New septic systems or repairs & State Permit Required, copy to be provided to the Town

*Fees may be reviewed and changed in 2021.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact:

Gail Fallar, Tinmouth Zoning Administrator 446-2498 or tinmouthtown@vermontel.net

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Notices *(continued)*

Tinmouth Newsletter

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is a monthly newsletter that contains town, church and school news, upcoming events, interviews with town residents, etc., for town residents (past & present) and friends. If you are not currently on the mailing list and would like to receive "Tales," please send your name and address to Editor, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773, or by email. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully appreciated. The newsletter is published with volunteer help; donations cover postage and printing. E-mail is tinmouthtales@vermontel.net.

Dog Licenses

All dogs six (6) months of age or older shall annually, on or before **April 1st**, be licensed. RABIES certificates must be signed by a duly licensed Veterinarian and delivered to the Town Clerk stating that the dog has within 36 months (for dogs two years of age and older), 12 months (for dogs over one but less than two years), and within the last year (for dogs under one year old), been vaccinated against rabies, BEFORE any dog is licensed.

Regular License Fees: \$9.00 neutered male or spayed female; \$13.00 male or female not neutered/spayed, price includes \$5.00 for State Rabies and Neutering Programs. The price increases by 50% after April 1st.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Front Porch Forum ~ **Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors**

Front Porch Forum is a company that provides online digital news for all Vermont Towns. Each town has its own site for neighbors to share news, events, etc. In Tinmouth, meeting agendas and notices are posted here as well.

To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>, or stop by the town office for assistance.

Post upcoming events; sell, swap or trade; comment on current issues; keep track of what's happening in town; give someone a pat on the back; etc. You get an email once or twice a week, read the postings or not, you don't have to post anything. It helps everyone keep in touch and provides for better communication.

If you own property here, but live out of town, use your Tinmouth 911 address for your location.



Town Meeting
February 29, 2020



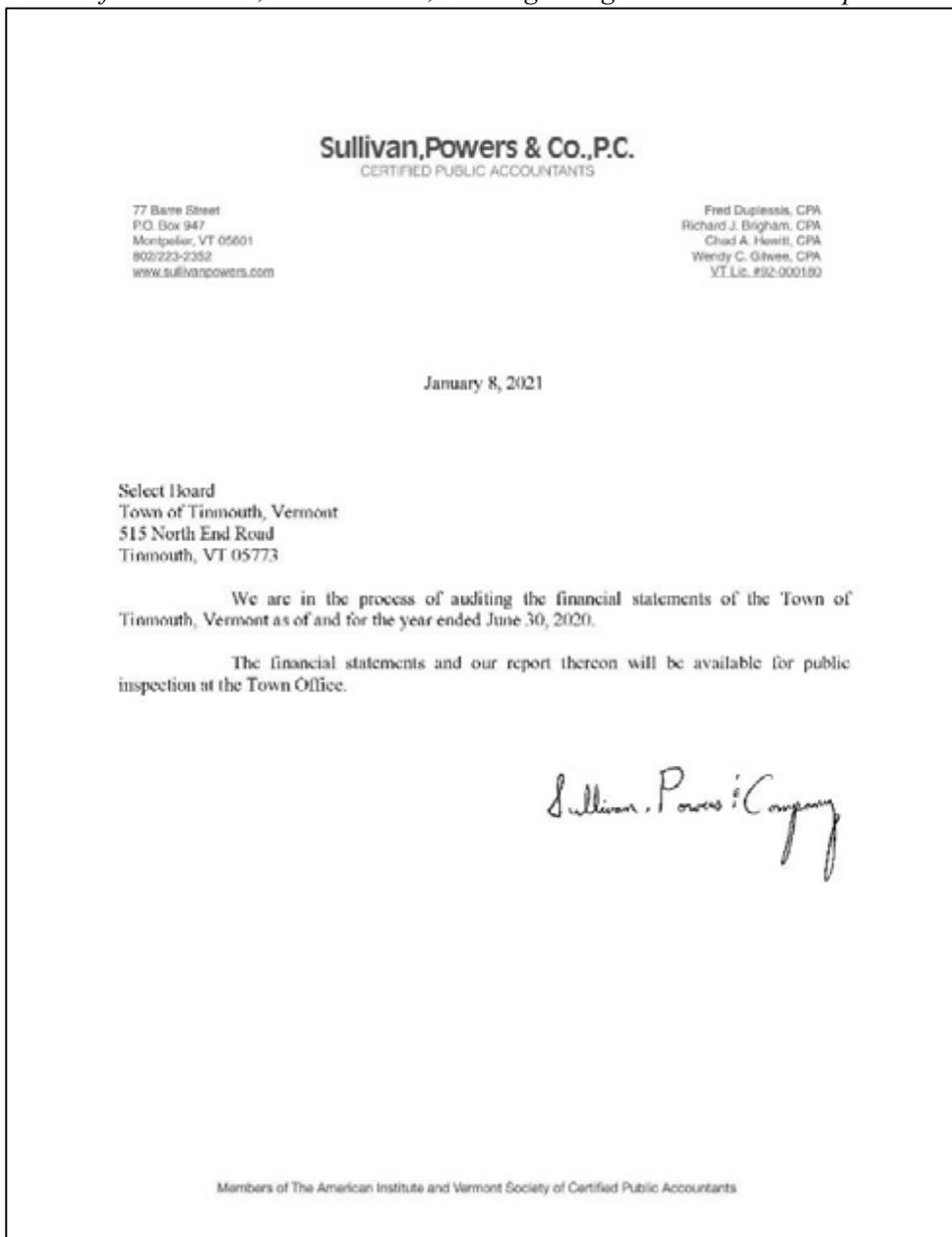
TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Report of the Auditors
FY 2019 – 2020

The Town engaged the accounting firm Sullivan Powers to conduct the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 to enable the Town to secure a bond for the town garage and sand/salt shed. Since their knowledge and expertise is greater than ours, we did not perform our typical review of the financial records of the Town.

As indicated in the letter from Sullivan Powers, they have not yet completed the audit for FY20.

Respectfully submitted, *Sandy Goyette*, Chair; *Vito Macaluso*; *Nancy Birdsall*

Letter from Sullivan, Powers & Co, P.C. regarding current town audit process:



TOWN OF TINMOUTH **Report of the Select Board**

Despite the uncharted ground and hardships that 2020 presented in the form of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sun continued to rise in the east and set in the west and your Select Board continued to work the business of your town, in most cases in on-line meetings.

Our ability to move forward was greatly enhanced by the participation and leadership of our Town Clerk, Gail Fallar, our Emergency Management Group led by Michael Fannin and our Road Crew, Eric Buffum and Ronnie Crossman.

As road work was determined to be essential business our road crew was able to continue working on our roadways, in conformance with Vermont State Pandemic Regulations, maintaining and upgrading roads as funding allowed. As always, the Select Board is grateful for the large amount of work our road crew of two continues to accomplish and appreciates the feedback we receive from the general public. A new one-ton truck was purchased in FY 2020. This was a planned purchase, as the Board manages a 15-year capital plan for equipment replacement. With a lean workforce, having equipment that is reliable and efficient is critical. Highway and bridge grants to the Town totaled \$57,639 to support culvert upgrades to McCoy Road and a \$6,100 grant-in-aid for work on Gulf Road ditches.

The Select Board, assisted by a volunteer Building Committee, worked on the implementation of an upgraded Public Works Facility. Our thanks go out to this group of 11 citizens who invested their energy and time in helping the Select Board refine the plan for the sand/salt shed and town garage construction. Due to changes in engineering requirements for salt/sand shed foundations and the increased cost of construction, the cost estimates for the salt and sand shed were higher than was originally allocated for this part of the project. The Select Board decided the town garage will come first.

Stan Wilbur volunteered to be the Project Manager for these building projects. His many years of experience in working with engineers and contractors will allow the project to move forward expeditiously. Thank you, Stan Wilbur, for donating your time to one of the largest projects Tinmouth has taken on. As of January 2021, Stan and the Board will begin interviewing Design-Build contractors to construct the town garage, ideally starting in the spring of 2021. The salt and sand shed will be a phase 2 project.

The Select Board would also like to extend a thank you to those serving on Fire Department in protecting the community. With no Game Supper possible in 2020, Sherry Johnson and Kim Harbaugh organized volunteers to pull off a Take Out Chicken and Biscuit Supper as an alternative. This benefit raised funds for the Fire Department.

Our crew at the Transfer Station continue to be on duty during the pandemic. Their diligent service to the community is appreciated.

As we enter into a new year, hopefully into some version of a fresh start, we, your Select Board, thank you for your continued support, feedback, and cooperation with posted pandemic regulations. After all, no matter who you are or what you are dealing with, we are all traveling this journey side-by-side. Let us keep this in mind as we move forward into 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Sears, Select Board Chair
Cathy Reynolds, Select Board Member
Michael Fallar, Select Board Member



Town Meeting February 29, 2020

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Report - FY 20

Balance 7/1/19 Checking Account **\$33,036.32**

Receipts

Highway Aid	\$83,573.89
Highway Grant in Aide	\$6,100.00
Bridge and Culvert Grant (FY 19)	\$57,639.23
Property Taxes Collected FY20 (Town & School)	\$1,601,443.29
Use Value ó State	\$59,084.00
Fish & Wildlife in lieu of taxes	\$5,415.00
Act 60 Re-appraisal ó State	\$4,341.50
Delinquent Taxes (tax, penalty, interest, expenses)	\$53,939.36
Transfer Station fees	\$10,806.30
Recycling	\$105.75
Dog Licenses & Fees	\$1,586.00
Zoning Permit Fees	\$150.00
Marriage/CU License Fees	\$60.00
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	\$0.00
Liquor License	\$0.00
Copies	\$1,290.91
Interest ó checking	\$2,087.26
Old Firehouse Donations	\$246.00
Traffic tickets	\$2,583.50
Reimbursements	\$129.00
Milfoil Project State Grant (pass-through)	\$3,264.00
Community Ctr Manager Sal. Reimbursement FY20	\$1,098.04
Overweight truck permits	\$150.00
TES School Wee Folk Playground	\$0.00
Town Clerk Recording Fees	\$6,775.00
Town Office Fees	\$55.00
Miscellaneous	\$60.01
Prepaid Property Taxes FY21	\$1,888.88
Over Paid FY20 Property Taxes	<u>\$5,240.00</u>
Total FY 20 Receipts	\$1,909,112.46

Total (Includes 7/1/19 Balance) **\$1,942,148.78**

Disbursements

Town and Highway Orders	\$772,221.49
School Property Tax Transfer	<u>\$1,065,180.34</u>
	\$1,837,401.83

Balance 6/30/20 Town Checking Account **\$104,746.95**

The Town of Tinmouth has no indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General & Highway Fund Budget
Revenues

	FY 20 Budget	FY 20 Actual	FY 21 Budget	FY 22 Budget
HIGHWAY				
State Highway Aide	81,450	83,574	81,450	84,000
Hwy Bridge & Culvert Grant	0	57,639	0	0
Grant In Aide	0	6,100	6,000	6,000
Subtotals	\$ 81,450	\$ 147,313	\$ 87,450	\$ 90,000
GENERAL				
Property Taxes	595,155	538,072	574,955	571,680
Use Value - State	52,000	59,084	54,000	59,000
Fish & Wildlife Taxes Lien	4,000	5,415	5,000	5,000
Delinquent Taxes	25,000	50,484	25,000	25,000
Delinquent Interest	5,000	1,900	5,000	1,900
Delinquent Fees	3,000	1,555	3,000	1,500
Delinquent Expenses	0	1	0	0
Transfer Station Fees	11,000	10,806	11,000	11,000
Recycling	50	106	50	50
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,700	1,586	1,700	1,600
Zoning/ZBA Permit Fees	100	150	100	100
Marriage/CU Licenses	120	60	120	60
SRCSTC Admin. Fees	75	0	0	0
Liquor License	115	0	115	0
Copies	1,200	1,291	1,200	1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	0	129	0	0
Interest - Checking Acct.	750	2,088	1,000	1,000
Old Firehouse Donations	200	246	250	0
Traffic tickets	1,000	2,584	2,000	1,500
Milfoil Grant ó pass thru	0	3,264	0	0
Comm. Ctr. Reimbursement	1,000	1,098	1,100	1,100
Overwt Truck Permits	100	150	100	100
Grants	0	0	0	0
Town Office Fees	75	55	75	50
Miscellaneous (cabin rent)	0	60	0	0
TC Recording Fees	5,000	6,775	5,000	6,000
FY21 Extra Hwy Aide **	0	0	0	5,000
General Subtotal	\$ 706,640	\$ 686,959	\$ 690,765	\$ 692,840
Total with Highway Aide	\$ 788,090	\$ 834,272	\$ 778,215	\$ 782,840

*2020 Town Meeting added \$25,000 for extra paving, \$500 for the Conservation Commission and \$650 for the Milfoil Project, to the FY21 Budget.

**FY21 Extra Highway Aide ó Select Board decided to use \$5,000 for Ash tree removal and the balance of \$16,936 was added to the Capital Building Fund for the Town Garage.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Highway Budget
Expenses

	FY 20 Budget	FY 20 Actual	FY 21 Budget	FY 22 Budget
Wages	98,000	96,726	97,000	99,900
Wages Over-time	18,000	12,096	17,000	17,000
Extra Help	5,000	3,570	5,000	5,000
FICA	8,100	6,981	7,400	7,600
Medicare	1,800	1,632	1,750	1,775
VMERS	6,700	6,236	6,900	7,025
Health Insurance	40,600	40,600	40,600	30,000
Dental Insurance	1,200	1,236	1,200	1,200
Disability Insurance	600	540	600	600
Workers Comp/Unemployment	10,600	10,883	9,700	11,000
Uniform Allowance	900	872	900	900
Property & Liability Insurance	7,500	6,228	5,500	7,500
Repairs/Maintenance/Parts	18,000	22,849	18,000	18,000
Diesel Fuel	20,000	14,804	20,000	20,000
Tools	500	1,016	500	500
Gasoline	500	37	500	250
Winter Salt	47,400	42,770	47,400	45,000
Winter Sand	10,500	10,350	10,500	14,000
Gravel/Stone	15,000	20,540	15,000	17,500
Paving	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	1,000	0	1,000	500
Chloride	12,000	12,627	12,000	12,000
Culverts	5,000	3,181	5,000	5,000
Road Signs	200	831	200	800
Winter Contracts	6,800	4,935	6,800	6,800
Misc./Contingency	1,500	1,791	1,500	1,500
Roadside Mowing	4,600	4,388	4,600	5,550
Mileage	400	0	400	200
Equipment Rent	0	650	0	750
Building repair	100	146	1,000	1,000
Electricity	900	717	900	900
Fuel Oil	1,000	817	1,200	1,000
Telephone	1,300	1,409	1,400	1,500
Equipment Fund Allocation	75,750	75,750	76,500	76,500
Salt/Sand Shed Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Hwy Improvment Projects	10,000	11,188	10,000	10,000
ANR Permit	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
Hwy Reserve Fund	5,000	1,341	5,000	5,000
McCoy Road Project	6,000	5,000	0	0
Grant In Aide	2,000	1,858	2,000	2,000
Ash Tree Removal	0	0	0	5,000
TOTAL Highway	\$ 551,950	\$ 531,595	\$ 542,450	\$ 548,250

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Highway Budget (continued)

	Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Budget FY 22
Public Works Facilities				
Engineering	0	21,669	0	0
Architect Services	0	3,000	0	0
Permit Fees	0	830	0	0
Advertising	0	524	0	0
TOTAL Public Works Facilities	0	\$ 26,023	0	0

**General Budget
Expenses**

	Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Budget FY 22
Select Board	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Select Board Assistant	6,950	6,661	6,950	7,160
Town Clerk	29,000	29,000	29,870	30,765
Treasurer	12,000	12,000	12,360	12,730
Assistant TC & Treas.	7,000	2,017	6,250	6,250
Auditors	1,000	72	1,000	1,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,760	2,760	2,850	2,935
Listers	3,600	510	3,600	3,600
Health Officer	0	365	0	500
Zoning Admin./PC Sec.	2,150	688	1,750	1,500
SRCSTC Administrator	80	0	0	0
Emergency Management	0	0	0	200
Animal Control Officers	200	61	200	200
Town Bookkeeper	3,000	2,072	3,150	3,150
Comm. Ctr. Director	1,000	1,020	1,050	1,080
Paint/Work Crew	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
FICA	4,600	3,678	4,670	4,760
Medicare	1,070	860	1,090	1,110
VMERS	2,900	2,843	3,150	3,240
Health Insurance	15,000	7,231	9,000	5,000
Dental Insurance	650	618	650	650
Workers Comp/Unemployment	400	378	400	400
W/C Fire Department	2,000	600	1,500	1,500
Disability Insurance	325	222	325	325
Insurance Prop/Liability	6,600	4,743	4,600	4,775
Telephone	1,750	1,629	1,750	1,750
Electricity	900	641	900	900
Fuel Oil	2,250	1,376	2,250	2,000
Lawn Care	1,500	735	1,500	1,000
Office Supplies	4,600	4,176	4,600	4,600
Postage	1,500	1,598	1,500	1,500
Town Report	1,200	841	1,200	1,200
County Taxes	6,900	6,350	6,900	7,200
Legal Fees	1,000	5,608	2,000	2,500

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Budget FY 22
Professional Services	2,000	1,461	5,000	5,000
Computer Software/Hardware	1,300	429	1,300	1,300
Miscellaneous	750	473	750	750
Old Cemetery Maintenance	500	230	500	500
Mileage	100	106	100	100
Building Repair	1,500	115	1,500	1,500
Marriage/CU Licenses	150	50	150	150
State Dog Tax	800	780	800	800
Dog Control Fees	100	0	100	100
Workshops/Seminars	500	201	500	500
Planning	1,000	47	500	500
Property Map Update	500	1,625	1,000	1,000
Building/Repair Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Re-appraisal Fund	500	0	0	0
Web Site Support	750	427	750	750
Conservation Commission	500	130	500	500
TES Wee Folk Playground	0	589	0	0
Advertising	500	411	0	500
TOTAL General	\$ 142,335	\$ 112,927	\$ 137,465	\$ 136,430
LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Constable Wages	500	106	500	0
FICA	30	7	30	0
Medicare	10	2	10	0
Workers Comp Insurance	60	48	60	0
Equipment	100	49	100	0
Mileage	0	0	0	0
Liability Insurance	650	296	650	0
County Sheriff Contract	20,000	19,632	23,500	24,675
TOTAL Law Enforcement	\$ 21,350	\$ 20,140	\$ 24,850	\$ 24,675
SOLID WASTE				
Salaries	6,000	5,608	6,000	6,200
Hauling - Solid Waste	2,500	3,600	2,400	2,400
Disposal Solid Waste	9,100	6,934	8,000	8,000
HHW Disposal	1,000	329	1,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	2,800	2,762	3,000	3,000
State Trash Tax	1,000	483	1,000	1,000
Supplies/Equip/Repairs	750	921	750	1,000
FICA	380	366	380	400
Medicare	90	86	90	100
Miscellaneous	200	300	200	200
Workers Comp Insurance	900	798	900	900
Recycling Disposal	1,600	2,252	1,600	2,200
Recycling Hauling	2,000	800	2,000	2,000
TOTAL Solid Waste	\$ 28,320	\$ 25,239	\$ 27,320	\$ 28,400

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
General Budget
Expenses (continued)

	Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Budget FY 22
ORGANIZATIONS/DUES				
VACD	100	100	100	100
BROC	200	200	200	200
Green-Up Vermont	50	50	50	50
Poultney Rescue Squad	700	700	700	700
RRPC	975	975	975	975
Rutland County Parent/Child	500	500	500	500
NewStory	175	175	175	175
Rutland Free Library	3,000	2,904	3,100	3,100
Rutland Mental Health	550	549	550	550
Rutland NRCD	250	250	250	250
SW Office on Aging	300	300	300	300
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project	1,850	1,850	1,850	2,500
Tinmouth Vol. Fire Dept.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
VLCT	1,725	1,756	1,825	1,825
VNA/Hospice	800	800	800	800
VT Adult Learning Center	200	200	200	200
VT Ctr. Independ. Living	80	80	80	80
VT Old Cemetery Assoc.	25	25	25	25
Wallingford Rescue Squad	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
NeighborWorks	200	200	200	200
A.R.C	800	800	800	800
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	500	500	500	500
VT Trails & Greenways	55	0	55	55
Tinmouth Cemetery	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Vermont Cons Commission	50	0	50	50
American Red Cross	250	250	250	250
Child First Advocacy Center	400	400	400	400
Rutland Reg. Marketing Initiative	0	0	600	0
TOTAL Dues & Organizations	\$ 44,235	\$ 44,064	\$ 45,035	\$ 45,085
Milfoil Grant Pass Through	0	\$ 3,264	0	0
Town & Highway Budget TOTALS				
TOTAL General Expenses	\$ 236,240	\$ 202,370	\$ 234,670	\$ 234,590
TOTAL Highway Expenses	\$ 551,950	\$ 531,595	\$ 542,450	\$ 548,250
TOTAL Engineering & Public Wks		\$ 26,023		
TOTAL General & Highway	\$ 788,190	\$ 759,988	\$ 777,120	\$ 782,840
Milfoil Grant Pass Through		\$ 3,264		
Transfer to School		\$1,065,180		
Record Preservation/Restoration *		\$ 7,414		

*Transferred encumbered balance in checking acct. into Special Fund as well as \$4 per page recording land records

Based on the 2020 Grand List, the 2021 tax rate may go from \$0.7586 to \$0.7308

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Statement of Taxes Raised 2019-2020 Budget

2019 Total Grand List	\$ 87,459,600
Adjusted for Current Use	8,654,000
Contracts	400,100
Cable Equip. (School Tax only)	331,100
2019 Taxable Grand List	\$ 78,656,600
1 % of Grand List (for town tax)	786,566
Non-residential education grand list (School)	401,548
Homestead education grand list (School)	388,329
Town Tax Rates	\$ 0.7570
Local agreement	0.0016
State School Tax Rates	
Residential	\$ 1.5894
Non-Residential	\$ 1.6077
Total Adjusted Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,859,969.35
Collected by Treasurer	1,601,443.29
State Payments	<u>211,953.63</u>
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 46,572.43

Board of Listers Report

Due to the pandemic, 2020 site visits were limited. Thank you to all who provided information via telephone and email. With a bit of luck these will be conducted during the spring of 2021.

The Vermont Tax Department's Division of Property Valuation & Review has conducted its annual sales review and determined that Tinmouth's common level of appraisal (CLA) for 2021 is 98.25 %. In 2020 it was 98.14% (after the appeal). The CLA is comparison of what the town has properties assessed at, and what they are selling for.

Reminder: the state requires all residential property owners to file a Homestead Declaration form every year, whether you owe income taxes or not. If you make less than \$141,000, you also need to file the property tax adjustment form and the household income form to be eligible for income sensitivity, due by April 15th. You can file online at: <https://www.myvtax.vermont.gov>

As always, you are welcome to and encouraged to review the information in the Listers' files on your property.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar, Chair

Tinmouth Planning Commission
2020

The Tinmouth Planning Commission only met a few times during 2020 due to the pandemic.

During 2021 we hope to continue working on Village Center Designation from the State while we only have a small village center, the designation will be most helpful when applying for state grants.

The PC meetings will be announced on Front Porch Forum when we resume. They will remain virtual until we receive orders from the Governor that in-person meetings are permitted. You are invited and encouraged to attend virtually. Your input is always welcome!

Michael Fallar, Chair

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Accounts Summary 2020**

General Fund Checking

Accounts Summary

*These accounts reside in the General Fund
Checking Acct*

Website Special Account

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 1,308
Unspent Balance FY20 323
Balance 6/30/20 \$ 1,631

Computer Special Account

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 1,482
Unspent Balance FY20 71
Balance 6/30/20 \$ 1,553

Re-appraisal Fund

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 71,054
Revenue: Received from State (+) 4,342
Expense: 0
Balance 6/30/20 \$ 75,369

Property Mapping

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 380
Annual Allotment (+) 1,000
2019 Update (-) 1,625
Balance 6/30/20 (\$ 245)

Lister Education

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 3,216
No + or -
Balance 6/30/20 \$ 3,216

Wee Folk Playground

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 723
Grants & Donations: (+)
Expenses: (-) 589
Balance 6/30/20 \$ 134



*The big storm on December 17, 2020
dropped 24-36 inches around town*

Encumbrances in Checking Account

Checkbook balance 6/30/20 **\$ 104,747**

Website Special Account 1,631
Computer Special Account 1,553
Re-appraisal Fund 75,396
Record Restoration 0*
Property Map Update 0
Lister Education 3,216
Pre-paid FY21 Taxes 1,889
Tax Overpayments FY20 5,241
Community Participation Comm 469
Wee Folks Playground (School) 134
\$ 89,529

Unencumbered Balance 6/30/20 \$ 15,218

* Record Restoration transferred to Special Account

Special Accounts Summary

These accounts have separate checking accounts

Housing Rehab Program

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 30,418.38

Revenue:

Interest 55.79
Loan Re-payments 1,055.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,110.79

Expense:

Transfer to Twn Bldg Fund \$30,000.00
(per Town Meeting vote)
TOTAL: \$ 30,000.00

Balance 6/30/20 \$ 1,529.17

Highway Equipment Fund

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 76,294.55

Revenue:

Annual Allotment 75,750.00
Interest 389.62
TOTAL: \$ 76,139.62

Expense:

550 Dump Truck 45,306.00
Dump Body/Plow 17,108.00
TOTAL: \$ 62,414.00

Balance 6/30/20 \$ 90,020.17

Fish & Wildlife Account

Balance 7/1/19 \$ 366.25

Revenue:

Licenses Sold 926.50

Expense:

Paid to Vermont Fish & Wildlife 844.00

Balance 6/30/20 \$ 448.75

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Special Account Summary 2020 (continued)

Old Creamery Project		
Balance 7/1/19		\$ 2,671.15
Revenue:		
Interest	13.05	
Expense:		
Paint	109.96	
Balance 6/30/20		\$ 2,574.24

Bill Jenkins School Field Trip Fund <i>(a Town Account to be used solely for the School)</i>		
Balance 7/1/19		\$ 3,320.99
Revenue:		
Interest	2.73	
Annual Donation	1,500.00	
Expense:		
<i>No field trip due to Corona Virus Pandemic</i>		
Balance 6/30/20		\$ 4,823.72

Recording Restoration Preservation Fund (New fund/account created FY20)		
Balance 7/1/19 (was in General Fund chkg.)		\$ 5,204
Recording Fees	1,800.00	
Interest	0.02	
Balance 6/30/20		\$ 7,004

Capital Building and Repair Fund		
Balance 7/1/19		\$ 478,258.87
Revenue:		
Bank Interest	6,245.77	
Donation	100.00	
Transfer from Rehab Fnd	30,000.00	
2020 Annual Allotment	<u>7,500.00</u>	
Total Revenue:		\$ 43,845.77
Expense:		
		\$ 0
Balance 6/30/20		\$ 522,104.64

Capital Paving and Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund		
Balance 7/1/19		\$ 15,014.50
Revenue:		
2020 Allotment	5,000.00	
Interest	<u>13.78</u>	
		\$ 5,013.78
Balance 6/30/20		\$ 20,028.28



New voter, Kasey Cook on Election Day, taking the Vermont Voter's Oath (photo taken through plexiglass screen)



An aspiring voter, helping her Mom perform her civic duty by inserting the completed ballot in to the ballot box (Mom is standing just to the left, making sure this is done right!)

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2020 Grand List Abstract Report**

Real Estate	Parcel Count	Municipal value	Education (taxable) Homestead	Education (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education
Residential I	97	18,279,700	11,754,400	6,525,300	18,279,700
Residential II	118	37,386,100	23,755,600	13,630,500	37,386,100
Mobile Homes U	8	255,200	233,500	21,700	255,200
Mobile Homes L	33	3,901,200	2,343,300	1,557,900	3,901,200
Seasonal I	53	7,685,800	505,700	7,180,100	7,685,800
Seasonal II	12	2,703,600	0	2,703,600	2,703,600
Commercial	3	316,900	0	316,900	316,900
Utilities E	1	2,549,900	0	2,549,900	2,549,900
Farm	11	5,479,300	1,300,500	4,178,800	5,479,300
Woodland	1	159,600	0	159,600	159,600
Miscellaneous	106	8,306,500	589,000	7,717,500	8,306,500
TOTALS	443	87,023,800	40,482,000	46,541,800	87,023,800
<i>Exemptions</i>					
Cable	1	327,700	0	327,700	327,700
Veterans	2	80,000	20,000	0	20,000
TVFD Grand-fathered	1	69,000	0	69,000	69,000
Current Use	73	8,475,300	1,725,500	6,749,800	8,475,300
TOTAL Taxable Property		\$ 783,995.00	\$ 387,365.00	\$ 400,507.00	\$ 787,872.00



*Town Meeting
February 29, 2020*



Sixth-graders Ethan Patch & Miles Fallar

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Report
As of December 31, 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2013, 2014, 2015	Totals
4236 West Hill Road RE	275.54						275.54
Baker, Carol	13,257.06	4,778.88					18,035.94
Baker, Douglas	100.62	120.06	127.56	137.14	145.46	2,271.01	2901.85
Benjamin, Alan & Webster, Mary	107.82	128.60	136.65				373.07
Bushee, Penny	0	0	0	0	0	2,142.19	2142.19
Carabeau, Larry & Cris (3)	9,161.52	12,264.63					21,426.15
*	2,103.16						2,103.16
Carmen, Courtney w/ Cook, Jeremy	1,413.28	1,262.17	775.43				3,450.88
Dana, Tyler	3415.40						3,415.40
Dunham, R. - Finlay B.	244.38	291.45	310.01				845.84
Edmunds, James & Connie	2,237.70						2,237.70
Ewing, Rodney & Lisa	5,062.74						5,062.74
Finberg, William Trust	1,653.24						1,653.24
Finlay, Barbara	4,580.42	1,367.07					5947.49
Gagne, Norman with	1,700.62						1,700.62
Gioffi-Baker, Tracy	3,730.56						3,730.56
*	424.88						424.88
Green, Myron w/Clyde Est.	509.88	898.82	317.37				1,726.07
*	474.40						474.40
Hier, Morris	656.50	782.88					1,439.38
Jones, Kayla	1,883.76						1,883.76
Marshall, Brian & Darci	6,182.88						6,182.88
Miraglia, Matthew & Maria	4,351.12						4,351.12
Prouty, Richard & Hazel	1,664.96	3,034.52	3,227.43	722.66	3,164.02	327.36	12,140.95
Reinholt, Maryann	3,004.58						3,004.58
Rogers, Anita	1,118.94						1,118.94
Roy, Maurice & Caroline	1,835.34						1,835.34
Sears, Frank	2,864.54						2,864.54
*	1,225.55						1,225.55
Velde, Lisa	237.20	0	300.93	220.80			758.93
Velde, Thomas Jr.	91.04	0	401.23	372.19	337.31	636.64	1,838.41
Webster, Marsha. w/ Jones, William	687.64	632.87					1,320.51
Whiting, Fairfield, Jr.	1,198.00	1428.62	1519.37				4145.99
*	3,330.44						3,330.44
TOTAL	\$80,785.71	\$26,990.57	\$7,115.98	\$1,452.79	\$3,646.79	\$3,974.83	\$125,369.04

Amount includes tax, penalty and interest currently due.

* Payment in full received after December 31, 2020.

Cat Yoder, Delinquent Tax Collector

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Delinquent Tax Collection Breakdown FY20

Taxes	\$ 48,390.57
Interest	3,360.23
Penalty	2,187.33
Expenses	<u>1.23</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 53,939.36</u>

Tinmouth Town Health Officer Annual Report 2020

The general duties of the “THO” from the Town Health Officer Handbook are: “Town Health Officers (THO) are given authority by Vermont law to investigate and mitigate steps and may enforce any State health regulations and local health ordinances in their town.”

In Tinmouth, THO calls answered and acted upon in 2020 included:

- Performed 1 rental housing code inspection resulting in an eviction.
- Investigated 3 solid waste ordinance violations. 1 resulting in an eviction, 1 on hold until further direction from property owner, and 1 ongoing.
- Investigated 1 dog complaint, in cooperation with animal control officer. Situation ongoing.
- Attended on line COVID-19 VOSHA Employee Training Program receiving certification for successful completion of training.
- Attended on line state Crisis & Emergency Communication Training Session.

I have been acting as the Tinmouth Town Health Officer for 3 years and during the past 3 years this position has gained more importance due to changes in State and Federal Regulations. Personally, I have enjoyed identifying and investigating health problems to protect health and ensure community safety. And I have been impressed at the amount of help and support extended to the THO by the local Community and State when needed.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, I will be vacating this paid position June 30, 2021.

Should you be interested in learning more about how you can join the Tinmouth Town Team as a Town Health Officer please contact our Town Clerk, Gail, at 802-446-2498.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Sears, Tinmouth Town Health Officer



Tinmouth during the early days of Covid-19

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2020 Annual Report Tinmouth Town Library

The Tinmouth Library is a **Reader's Library**, one which we hope fills the needs of children and adults. It is the goal of the Tinmouth Library to fuel the fires of intelligence and the imagination.

The Tinmouth Library is an all-volunteer, all-donation library. This means that no person working at the library receives money for their services to the library; the library is completely staffed by volunteers. In order that we might pay for our purchases and expenses we hold fund raisers and we accept monetary donations.

There was no book sale this year because of the pandemic. Covid 19 closed down the library and cancelled most of the activities of the library as well.

The trustees of the library increased the size of the board this year. New members of the board are Chris Martone and Kristy Usher.

Our writer's group continued to meet on Zoom and although we were not together, we had folks from Maryland and California with us. The writer's group is a group of committed writers who meet monthly under the leadership of Nelson Jaquay to share what they have written and get feedback.



Miss Ruth, and Tinmouth's Little Library

We believe that reading is essential to our good health!

We sincerely hope that we can open before the year 2021 is over, and we can resume our many activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Drachman, Librarian

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The Tinmouth Library Board is pleased to announce that there is a Little Free Library now open, in Tinmouth! The Little Free Library or LFL is a small brightly painted structure in the center of town, funded by a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. Thank you to TCF for making this possible! The structure itself, was built by Ken Krantz, and sits on a movable base, to allow for flexibility in its location. Current location is on the porch of the Town Office. Nelson and Betti Jaquay provided the wonderful finishing touches drawing on their creative painting expertise.

Please know the Tinmouth Library is still open to Tinmouth residents, and as always, is free. To access our special town library, just check with Gail at the Town Office. To clarify, the goal of a Little Free Library is different than a conventional library, in that it is open anytime, is a small structure, and is set up encourage people to take a book and/or leave a book. You may have seen them in neighborhoods or public places in other communities. Little Free Library structures are located all over the U.S. and beyond. We are in the process of registering the Tinmouth LFL on this site, which will put it on the official map. You can check out their website at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Please note, we request that if do you wish to donate a book or books for the LFL, you carefully select a favorite one(s). We do not want donations of boxes of books, only single items that are appropriate, and no text books, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest, etc. Thanks!

Jan Krantz, Chair, Library Trustees

Tinmouth Contra Dance

The Tinmouth Contra Dance is a monthly dance series that is open to all. It is funded by admission at the door and a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund. In a typical year we run 8 dances per year on the third Friday of the month. A partner is not required and all dances are taught. 50-100 people attend each dance. The dance shut down in March 2020 due to covid 19. We look forward to better days when swinging your partner is safe. Check out our website at tinmouthcontradance.org or like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Reynolds, Doug Fontein, Marshall, Melody and Wheaton Squier

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department
2020

If you are high risk for COVID-19, the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department needs to know so we can respond appropriately and minimize any additional risk. Please call 446-3307 or email vtsjohnson@icloud.cloud to let the Fire Department know.

Fire Departments all over the country are grappling with the effects of the Pandemic with how they operate. The Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department is having to adapt with this new threat as well. Like many other Fire Departments large and small, we are now meeting remotely and training virtually with training videos and discussions, to remain as ready as possible. How we fundraise has also changed and we may not be able to host our famous Tinmouth Game Supper as we have in the past. Slow rollout of the vaccine and not all willing to take it, poses new approaches to how we operate for an unknown period. Hopefully most people in the greater community who are considered high risk will be vaccinated but even some of those considered high risk are declining to be vaccinated. Some members of the Fire Department are also declining at this time. This is all personal choice for different reasons and will be respected within and without our department.

As First Responders, our first responsibility is to do no harm in our efforts to help others. Considering all of this, we do not want to put at greater risk anyone that we may be trying to help. If you are a person that is considered high risk please contact Chief Marshall Squier: 235-2718 or Sherry Johnson: 446-3307. This information remains within the department to help us identify and make changes in our response so we do not further compromise anyone's safety. If your situation changes please let us know as well.

Adapting to these changes requires us to keep safety for all in mind within our department and our department has adopted mask wearing and social distancing to the best of our abilities as most other department have also done. As an ALL VOLUNTEER Fire Department we appreciate all community members doing their part in respecting these necessary changes.

Part of this, as community members, would mean you're being as proactive as possible. Check and update fire detectors, have fire extinguishers on all floors of the home and in the kitchen, keep chimneys clean and debris and furniture away from wood stoves. Call Fire Warden Glenn Merrill 446-2782 or Assistant Fire Warden Wheaton Squier 446-2082 for outdoor burn permits.

It is illegal to burn outdoors without a permit unless there is snow on the ground. However spring and fall are the highest risk for brush fire so do not burn without a permit please.

As Chief, I would like to thank every Firefighter past and present who have given and continue to give a part of their lives to help others. These members are all exemplary people and the personal satisfaction in helping others, and heartfelt gratitude expressed by community members is our only pay.

Chief Marshall "Mo" Squier, Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department



*Tinmouth's own Santa Claus, taking a tour of town, December 2020
in the old '47 Mac – TVFD's first pumper from Rowayton, CT.*

TINMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AND 2019

	2020	2019
INCOME		
Town allotment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grants	450	268
Donations	1,285	15,450
Game supper	7,130	5,775
Raffle	2,560	2,870
Other	<u>555</u>	<u>3,356</u>
 Total income	 <u>36,980</u>	 <u>52,719</u>
EXPENSES		
Equipment purchased	883	27,291
Dues	2,100	2,112
Electricity	1,135	1,075
Gasoline and diesel fuel	-	63
Game supper expenses	1,464	1,642
Heat	2,369	5,047
Insurance	6,618	4,126
Office expense	80	120
Raffle expenses	690	540
Repairs and maintenance	2,853	4,966
Small tools	2,154	1,374
Supplies	801	298
Telephone	492	528
Education	<u>185</u>	<u>422</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>21,824</u>	 <u>49,604</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	15,156	3,115
 CASH, beginning October 1st	 <u>92,303</u>	 <u>89,188</u>
 CASH, ending September 30th	 \$ <u>107,459</u>	 \$ <u>92,303</u>
FUND BALANCES:		
Unrestricted	\$ 62,459	\$ 47,303
Restricted ó truck fund	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
 Total fund balances	 \$ <u>107,459</u>	 \$ <u>92,303</u>

Steve Goyette, Treasurer

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Land Trust 2020

The Tinmouth Land Trust has been inactive during the pandemic. *Marshall Squier, TLT President*

Tinmouth Energy Committee Report

The Energy Committee was an all virtual endeavor this year. We supported the efforts of the Button Up Vermont campaign by sharing information on their weekly virtual Weatherization Wednesdays, archived versions of each week are available: <https://buttonupvermont.org/events>, and incentives available for completing home energy projects. We have a page on the town website, Tinmouthvt.org, check it out. New members interested in our efforts to support energy efficiency in our community are welcome. If you are interested, contact the Select Board indicating your interest in being appointed.

Respectfully submitted, *Todd Dennis*

Tinmouth Website Committee
Website: tinmouthvt.org

The Website Committee continues to work on our website, tinmouthvt.org. We continue to add pages and to train others to post events, to the calendar, and to post minutes and agendas. We accept your high definition photos at any time during the year, although we cannot load them all up, it is great to see various views of town in various seasons.

If you'd like to make tinmouthvt.org your search engine home page, you'll be able to see upcoming events every time you open your web browser.

1. On **your** computer, open **Chrome**.
2. At the top right, click "More Settings."
3. Under "Appearance," turn on "Show Home" button.
4. Below "Show Home button," choose to use the New Tab **page** or a custom **page**. Enter **Tinmouthvt.org**

Or:

1. Open **Firefox**:
2. Open the web page you want to use as your home page. **Tinmouthvt.org**
3. Drag and drop that tab into the Home button, on your toolbar (on the left side, by default)
4. Click "Yes" on the prompt to set this page as your home page.

We hope that you will all make use of our website, and learn what is available. It is a great resource for community information and events.

Respectfully submitted, Tinmouth Website Committee
Todd Dennis, Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Sherry Johnson, Cathy Reynolds

Tinmouth Building Committee

In May 2020, the Select Board appointed a Building Committee to assist them with proposed new Public Works facilities (town garage & sand/salt shed). Members were: Cathy Reynolds and Theresa Butts (co-chairs), Bart Eaton, Michael Fallar, Hollis Squier, Eric Buffum, Ronnie Crossman, Lothar Schmelzenbach, Andy McCullough, Harold Hunter and David Birdsall.

The Select Board asked the Committee to develop cost estimates and proposals for the sand and salt shed. The plan was that this could be costed out and perhaps constructed first, then the remaining budget for the town garage would be clear. We all set out to do various site visits to other towns with new or newer garages and sand/salt sheds across the state, to gather information (likes, dislikes, what they might do differently, process, company, etc), make phone calls to potential contractors (to give us costs associated with their building(s), materials used, warranty, etc.). Several proposals from various vendors were developed. Bart presented our options for the sand/salt shed to the Select Board.

The cost of the sand and salt shed was significantly higher than the Select Board estimated, primarily due to the unplanned requirement for an engineered foundation. Stan Wilbur, retired Town Manager from Proctor, civil engineer and Tinmouth resident volunteered to assist the Select Board in their goal to obtain more information and get to a final point that the town could begin construction. He verified the Building Committee's estimates and the Select Board decided to focus on the Town Garage first using a design-build approach.

Theresa Butts & Cathy Reynolds, Co-Chairs

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Conservation Commission 2020

The Conservation Commission (CC) regretfully accepted the resignation of long-time member Jo Reynolds. Her life-long commitment to hiking, wild lands, National Parks and conservation will be missed. Her seat has been filled by long-time resident and trail user, high school physics teacher and geology PhD, Ed Hasenohr.

At Town Meeting last February the voters approved an annual allocation from the town budget to an ongoing Conservation Fund. This will be used to pay for conservation projects in town and be controlled by the CC. Any funds not used in the budget year will remain in the Fund for future use.

Tinmouth's Green Up, our annual clean up of roadside litter, changed to a do-it-yourself event in 2020. This was to avoid COVID risks from an in-person group event. We hope to return to our fun, in-person group event ASAP, but this is unlikely for 2021. Stay tuned to *Tales of Tinmouth* and Front Porch Forum for the DIY version which will be in early May.

The Drachman Trail is up and running. Built in memory of long-time Tinmouth resident, renowned pediatrician, hiker, and naturalist Bob Drachman, this is a one-mile loop trail of moderate difficulty for hiking, X-C skiing and snowshoeing. The trail, on Drachman property, starts on Crow Hill Road, 0.2 miles beyond the junction with the East Road. There is seasonal parking and a map of the blazed trail at the trailhead. Please, no use of this trail from snow melt until May 31 due to muddy conditions. Plans are afoot for a spur trail to a viewpoint. Tinmouth residents are welcome on the trail, call or email a CC member with questions on trail use.

The CC continues to coordinate with the Select Board on recreation/conservation use of the town lot behind the transfer station. We've identified several potential uses for this plot, including planting and growing fruit trees, a disc golf course, a walking/bird watching path and picnic tables. In addition to these, future uses may include pickle ball and volleyball courts, community gardens and horseshoe courts. First steps for the site involve working with the Select Board on figuring out access and parking.

The Tinmouth Mountain Cabin, after a brief closure due to COVID protocols, is again open for day and overnight use. Please call 802-446-2928 for overnight reservations and please use physical distancing and masks for any day use. The cabin is accessed via the Tinmouth Purchase Loop Trail.

The Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail remains a popular out-and-back day hike to a lovely vista. The trail is about 2 miles round trip and quite steep in places. Go to Alltrails.com for more information.

The Tinmouth Mountain School is considering a literature trail on a portion of the Ridge Trail. In brief, this would be pages from a children's book, laminated and fixed to a placard. The placards, on trees or posts, would be placed at intervals along the trail, allowing walkers to read a book on their walk.

Thanks to everyone in town who has helped with Green Up, trail building and maintenance, cabin repairs and other conservation initiatives. You're invited to attend any of our meetings, generally on the 3rd Monday, every other month at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are remote via Microsoft Teams until further notice.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Fontein, Chair



*Tinmouth
Mountain
School*



Indoor & Outdoor classrooms

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Fund Report 2020

As of December 2020, your TCF assets have increased to (\$495,048 in VCF plus \$11,022.53 balance in town's checkbook). In 2020 the Fund paid out Continuing Education scholarships of \$9,500, Community Fund grants of \$7,550 and K-12 scholarships of \$274 (down from previous years due to the pandemic). Named scholarships honoring Susan McIntosh Lloyd, Pam Garceau and Robert and Cynthia Johnson were awarded as well. We received donations in 2020, including \$9,300 from Tinmouth plant sales (\$8,300 spring, \$1,000 fall), and individual annual donations of \$8,185.

In addition, the Tinmouth Continuing Education Scholarship Fund successfully completed a capital campaign which raised just over \$100,000. The Scholarship Fund is now valued at more than \$300,000 (part of the above \$495,048).

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Tinmouth Community Fund.

Would you consider donating to TCF for grants and scholarships in the future? Those contributions remain at home, making Tinmouth a better place to live.

The TCF Board consists of 9 members serving three year terms. The current Board consists of Jan Krantz-Chair, Melody Squier-Vice Chair, Cathy Reynolds-Treasurer, Helen Mango-Secretary, Asha Carroll McCullough, Nikki Pfeiffer, Casey Voigtlaender, Lisa Patry, and Todd Dennis. The Scholarship Committee includes Cathy Reynolds, Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Caleb Scott, Rene Wilbur, Denise McGinley, Nelson Jaquay, Asha Carroll McCullough, Roxane DeLear Johnson, Melody Squier, and Jan Krantz.

We will hold our Annual Meeting on Saturday February 29th, beginning at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom. We will elect three directors, discuss our progress in 2020 and make plans for 2021. All are welcome.

Jan Krantz, Chair

Tinmouth Community Fund 2020

Town Checking Account

Balance 1/1/2020

\$ 5,405.80

Revenues:

Interest	\$ 35.33
Donations	\$ 5,215.00
Drawn Down from VCF	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>
Total (includes beg. balance)	\$ 15,456.13

Expenses

Community Grants ***	\$ 4,159.60
K-12 Scholarships	<u>\$ 274.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,433.60

Balance 12/31/20

\$ 11,022.53 *

* \$3,370 grant awards not yet released due to the Covid-19 situation.



*Tinmouth
Mountain School
Pre-K Exploration*



TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Community Center Annual Report

Beginning Balance 7/1/19	\$ 3,965.78
Revenues:	
Interest	3.72
Donations for Use	<u>1,254.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,257.72
Expenses:	
Salary, FICA, for Building Manager	<u>1,098.04</u>
Total	\$ 1,951.05
Balance 6/30/20	\$ 4,125.46

2020 Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse Annual Report

The Tinmouth Community Center and Old Firehouse provide valuable space for gatherings of all kinds. This year, due to COVID-19 there were only 11 events at the Community Center compared to the 162 events in 2019. These events included: a public New Years party, pickle ball, yoga, Christian worship service fellowship and meals, a school dance, Town meeting, contra dance, Volunteer Fire Department dinner, volleyball, a baby shower and a birthday party all before the building was closed to the public in mid March. The Old Firehouse held two events compared to 2019's 25. The events were a Game of Logging level 2 class and the Tinmouth Town Wide Yard Sale set up site.

We appreciate all those who were understanding to the closure and look forward to gathering in our community spaces once again.

Rainbow Squier, Building Manager and TCC Coordinator
r.squiert@gmail.com 802-282-6240

Community Center Use Guidelines

The Tinmouth Community Center is a Tinmouth community resource. Use of the facility is intended to engage, build and strengthen the greater Tinmouth community for historical, educational, cultural, social, intellectual and recreational enrichment. It is available only to Tinmouth residents or taxpayers, who must sign the rental agreement and make all arrangements with the community center building manager. Renters must be on site during the rental event and arrange for pick up and return of the key.

Please take a look at the detailed information for Use on the town website:

www.tinmouthvt.org/community-center/

The Old Creamery Project

The Old Creamery Project has been on hold during the pandemic. We look forward to continuing restoration efforts in the near future.

Grant Reynolds, Chair
 Old Creamery Committee



Sunrise & social distancing

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Emergency Management

The good news is that we have learned a lot about how to safely navigate the Covid world. We know how to judge the relative risks involved in our daily activities and what behaviors help to reduce those risks. In fact, thanks to the adherence of the majority of Vermonters to the suggested safety measures spelled out by our governor and related state agencies, Vermont enjoyed the reputation of being the safest state to live in during much of the past year. These results speak for themselves and negate the contrarian propaganda by those who would try to convince us to do otherwise for their own perceived benefit. This misinformation has led some of us astray. That is the reason why the US, with only four percent of the world's population, suffers twenty five percent of the world's fatalities linked to this disease. That fact says it all. Constitutional rights do not, necessarily trump our social and moral responsibility to protect others.

On the flip side, living with the virus has often changed our behaviors and altered our values for the better. Many have become more thrifty, self reliant, organized, creative, and prepared. Also many have become more aware of the value of friendships, social responsibility, organization and altruism. It's brought out the best in many of us. Crisis situations provoke change and often that is for the better.

On the practical side I have these suggestions:

* If the readers find themselves in crisis please make use of systems that are available. Vermont's 211 phone and online crisis hot line is a fountain of information with linkage to help of all sorts. When I've been involved in state emergency drills the 211 number was my main help line for most all contingencies. It covers community resources, health care options, public assistance, training and employment opportunities, food acquirement, mental health assistance and the list goes on.

* Secondly, feel free to link to the Vermont Health Department's web site. This centers on health safety and resource availability. Questions about testing, and vaccine availability are here. I've recently subscribed to the Vermont Alert system via a link on this page. Vermont Alert has been developed to warn the individual citizen of any emergency situation developing in real time in their immediate area. It's a little complicated to join but if I could do it, being the techno -dinosaur that I am, I think most people can.

* Thirdly, I'd suggest that you follow the governors noontime press conferences on VPR. This will keep your understanding of the situation sharp and up to date. We are so fortunate to have a governor who has followed science and factual information to form a practical response to the Covid monster. A strong majority of my fellow Vermonters agreed with this approach by re-electing republican Governor Scott despite his spending none of his time campaigning for office.

* Finally, I have to note that the overall situation is going to get worse before it gets better. We all have to double down on our protective behavior. I know what a pain it is. I miss the close contact of my extended family and friends but that is nothing compared to how I would feel if I found myself to be the vector of their infection. Hopefully, the spreaders will return to the fold, wear a mask and care about the rest of us. If they do please don't make an issue out of their change of heart. Just silently accept them back into our compassionate fraternity.

Once again, if you have any problems using the resources above or have a specific need please contact me at 235-2412 or fannin@vermontel.net I'd keep your identity in confidence.

Michael Fannin
Tinmouth Emergency Management Director

Tinmouth Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

All regularly-scheduled quarterly meetings of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWARC) were suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The issues that the committee had been working on (e.g. composting, reconfiguration of the Transfer Station, different ways of managing recyclables) are in a holding pattern for the time being. The Committee plans to get back in business as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted, *Helen Mango*, SWARC Secretary

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Transfer Station 2020

The Tinmouth Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. There is a fee of \$2.50 per bag via punch cards that are purchased at the Town Office. Recycling disposal is free of charge to residents.

We can all do our part to keep Vermont beautiful by remembering the simple rules for recycling:

- (1) You can recycle empty and rinsed clean containers like bottles, cans, and jars; clean and dry paper and cardboard; aluminum, steel, glass, and plastics.
- (2) You cannot recycle plastic bags, textiles, or food products (please see note on composting below).
- (3) Scrap metal, batteries, and electronics do not belong in the trash or recycle bins, but you can bring them to the transfer station for disposal. We only collect small batteries at the TS (no car/truck batteries), we do have a container for scrap metal (a 30 yard container) and electronics (in gaylords/big cardboard boxes in the recycling shed).
- (4) Construction materials and demolition waste are not accepted at the Transfer Station.
- (5) Pharmaceuticals can be disposed of at your local pharmacy, police department, or hospital.
- (6) Hazardous Household Wastes (HHW) must be disposed of properly & you have to bring it to one of the special days that are held in April or September. Please see HHW info on page 38-39.

For more information, please see the Acceptable Recyclables List on the Town of Tinmouth website at tinmouthvt.org, or pick up the list at the Town Office or Transfer Station.

Starting in July 2020, all Vermonters were required to separate organic food waste from trash and recyclables. There is currently a composting bin available to dispose of organic food materials. The compost bin is located next to trash dumpster.

As we continue to promote safety and security during the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate that all visitors to the Tinmouth Transfer Station wear masks and keep a 6 foot distance from others.

If you have any questions for me, Charlie or Gunner, we are always happy to help. Remember: *When in doubt Throw it out.* It's better than trashing the recycle bin!

You may contact me as the Manager at 802-446-3433 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Martone, Transfer Station Manager

Rutland County Sheriff's Department
2020

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality service possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Deputy Cram continues to be assigned to this patrol. The connection with townspeople, town administration and the historical knowledge he has of the town as well as the surrounding towns continues to be an asset when investigating crimes and solving town issues.

The cooperative patrol between the Towns of Ira, Tinmouth, Middletown and Danby has worked very well. Deputy Cram balances the number of hours each town gets making sure they all get their dedicated service. This cooperative patrol also provides each town 40 hours a week of coverage should the need arise Deputy Cram is available to respond. This agreement between the 4 towns is very advantageous for the residents of each town.

Activity in the Town of Tinmouth this past year.

2019	2020	Activity
40	31	Total incidents
96	79	Traffic stops
96	76	Traffic tickets
29	23	Warnings
5	3	Arrests
1	1	DLS
0	1	Traffic crashes
6	7	Assists
0	2	DUI

I want to thank the residents of Tinmouth for their continued support of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department during this exceedingly difficult year.

Respectfully Submitted
David J. Fox, Sheriff, Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.

TOWN OF TINMOUTH
The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC)

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and the Town of Tinmouth continued working together in 2020 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Assisted town to complete FY20 Grants in Aid projects and secure FY21 funding for stormwater best practice projects.
- Worked with town officials to secure PPE for municipal staff in response to COVID-19.
- Conducted road erosion and culvert inventory and prepared Road Stormwater Management Plan for the Category A Better Roads Grant.
- Worked with town officials to complete the 2020 Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Assisted the Town's Planning Commission with adoption of an Enhanced Energy Plan.
- Worked with town officials to adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Provided mapping in support of the Better Roads Grant and for the update to the Local Emergency Management Plan.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

Ed Bove, Rutland Regional Planning Commission
802-775-0871 x 208

Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society's stated purpose is to encourage and to promote an interest in the history of Tinmouth and its founding families; to collect, assemble, preserve information about Tinmouth; and to share this information with individuals or organizations genuinely interested in the history and genealogies of its founding families.

Membership is open to any individual or organization with roots in Tinmouth and any individual or organization which is interested in the history and heritage of Tinmouth or the genealogy of its founding fathers. *The Tinmouth Channel*, the Society's newsletter, provides the mechanism for sharing and publishing this information. The Society was formed in 1999 and Volume 1, No. 1 of the *Channel* came out in the winter of 1999. An index and past editions are available at the Town Office.

The Society normally schedules three to four working or program meetings a year to collect and preserve Tinmouth's physical and narrative history. However, 2020 was a different kind of year and all meeting and programs were canceled.

Because the annual meeting did not take place Society officers: Stan Wilbur, President; Grant Reynolds, Vice President and *Tinmouth Channel* Editor; Gail Fallar, Secretary and Archivist; Vito Macaluso, Treasurer and Membership Chair; and Jo Reynolds, at-large member of the Executive Board will serve until the 2021 annual meeting.

Anyone interested in Tinmouth's past and present is welcomed to join the Society. Currently the Society has 60 members located across the USA and Canada. Dues are \$5 per year and may be sent to THGS, 515 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Wilbur, President

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
2020**

TPMP continues to work to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, as once it is present it cannot be eradicated. Suction harvesting is still the main focus of this effort. Cat and Shane Yoder are the divers responsible for removing 754 buckets of this pesky weed in 2020. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

TPMP expresses its appreciation to the Town of Tinmouth for their continued support and voting an additional \$650 per year for a total annual donation of \$2,500 and to the Tinmouth Community Fund for another grant to help with this project. Property owners around the lake/pond donated over \$ 6,000, as well as volunteered countless hours catching fragments, assisting with disposal of the milfoil (makes great compost), and educating lake owners/users with regards to preventing the further spread of invasive species in Tinmouth Pond or to other water bodies.

The 2020 TPMP Board consisted of President Gail Fallar, Vice President Scott Lepley, Treasurer Laurie Bepler, Secretary Laurel Swenson, Financial Secretary Sherry Johnson, Assistant Treasurer Carol Hawley, and Members-at-Large Annie Robbins, Tom Miles, and MaryAnn Reinholt.

Gail Fallar, TPMP President

**Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

Beginning balance January 1, 2020 **\$ 21,759.35**

Income:

Dues	1,200.00
Donations	5,020.00
TCF Grant	500.00
2019 VT State Grant	3,264.00
Town Annual Allotment	2,500.00
Raffle- Fund Raising	690.00
Interest	<u>154.86</u>
	\$ 13,328.86

Total of Income and Beginning Balance **\$ 35,088.21**

Expenses:

Contracted services (divers)	9,716.78
Aquatic Plant Survey	2,800.00
Insurance	1,527.64
Repairs	667.66
P.O.Box/stamps/office supplies/other	<u>260.69</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,972.77

Ending balance December 31, 2020 **\$ 20,115.44**

Laurie Bepler, Treasurer



**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
2020 Vital Records**

Births

Hazel Marie Wright, January 2, 2020
Nora Cailin Ricketts, January 14, 2020
Riley James Babin, August 14, 2020

Marriages

Jason Michael Buffum and Judith Ann Stork, September 26, 2020

Deaths

Andre George Tardif, November 6, 2020
Ruth Marie Neilson, November 28, 2020

Burial Permits

Geraldine Ellen Sherman, May 16, 2020
George Arnold Tamborini, June 5, 2020
Jason Allen Beayon, August 29, 2020
Paul Young, August 31, 2020
Edward R. Chisamore, November 24, 2020

Burial Transit Information / Private Burial

Note: Burial Transit Permits may be issued to family members of a deceased person to move the body to another town. No law prohibits family members from moving the bodies themselves if they choose, as long as they have a permit. According to Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5201, the only restriction appears to be when certain contagious diseases are the cause of death, in which case the local health officer or Board of Health must approve the issuance of the permit first.

Families occasionally choose to set aside a portion of their private property for the burial of members of their immediate family. This is permitted under Vermont Law, as long as no health hazard is created. (Title 18 V.S.A. Section 5319). Questions you may have about establishing a private burial plot on your property may be referred to the Vermont Department of Health at 802-863-7275.

Tinmouth Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation formed in 1921. Trustees are Carolyn Burden, Stan Wilbur, Glenn D. Merrill, David Gilmore, Bob Bradley and Laurie Phillips.

The Association did not hold an annual meeting in 2020, therefore the officers: Glenn D. Merrill, President; Laurie Phillips, Vice President; Stan Wilbur, Treasurer; and Laurie Phillips, Secretary will continue to serve until the 2021 Annual Meeting. Cemetery Administrative Superintendent is Stan Wilbur and Field Superintendents are Dave Gilmore and Bob Bradley.

The Trustees thank and extend best wishes to John Squier for his many years of service maintaining the cemetery grounds and preparing for burials. The Trustees requested proposals from several firms to mow and trim the cemetery and selected FAS Trucking. They also mow and trim school, town and church yards. Wheaton Squier is preparing graves and assisting with burials.

The elementary school students were not able to place flags on the graves of military veterans for Memorial Day. It is hoped they will be able to resume this tradition in 2021.

There were five burials in the Tinmouth Cemetery in 2020: Geraldine Ellen Sherman, George Arnold Tamborini, Jason Allen Beayon, Paul Young and Edward R. Chisamore

The Cemetery Association received \$2,500 from the town to assist with the cost of mowing. Other operational costs are funded from endowment account interest, sale of lots and burial fees.

Burial in the Tinmouth Cemetery is restricted to individuals or families with a connection to Tinmouth. To learn more about cemetery policies or to purchase a lot, please contact Glenn D. Merrill or Stan Wilbur.

The Cemetery Association's annual meeting is normally the third Wednesday in April and is open to the public.

Stan Wilbur, Treasurer

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
Principal's Report
2020 Annual Report

To the Tinmouth Community,

Enrollment at Tinmouth Mountain School (TMS) over the past year was unusually transient. Currently, 52 students are enrolled. Fifty-nine students attended in the preceding year. This year's PreK enrollment includes 5 new students. An additional five students, new to Tinmouth, enrolled between September and December of 2020. A total of 17 students left TMS in the past 12 months. Eight students moved out of district, three students graduated, one student transferred within district schools, and five students are now homeschooling. We anticipate the return of two homeschooled students next fall although this transitory trend is unpredictable. The recent enrollment decline can only partially be attributed to this year's pandemic.

Our faculty has remained stable over the past school year, which was pivotal for student academic progress during six months of remote learning. Teachers provided live instruction during remote learning as well as instructional videos, biweekly office hours, and assignment modules using Seesaw or Google classroom computer platforms. Students on individualized education plans could choose in-person instruction or live instruction online. Support with technology was provided live and weekly. If online instruction was not feasible, then work was available to pick-up. Many families took advantage of the available resources offered. A few did not.

Fall test scores were low, however, individual student growth was the highest in the district in all subjects measured by the Star 360 report. The slide in test scores can be attributed to the transient school population as well as inconsistent participation in remote learning. If these factors diminish, an increase in proficiency measures will follow.

English language arts and mathematics remain our first priority. Students in grades kindergarten through third grade who have not yet mastered age-appropriate reading skills are working 4 days a week with interventionists. This is in addition to guided reading groups facilitated by classroom teachers.

Additionally, teachers are providing tutoring and homework support for students after school three days a week. This program was employed to mitigate academic shortfalls owing to the sudden implementation of remote learning in the spring.

Prior to March, volunteers ensured our winter sports programs and Four Winds program ran seamlessly. We look forward to inviting our volunteers back to coordinate these activities but for now we are on hold. We look forward to collaborating with community members if not in the immediate future then in the upcoming school year.

Currently, classes are taking advantage of outdoor classrooms where students explore and connect with the natural environment. We are keeping children safe and healthy until a Covid vaccine is available while providing an optimal learning context. Children's academic progress and health have been at the forefront of this year's curriculum.

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker, Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School



*2020 Sixth-grade
Graduation ceremony
Miles Fallar, Ethan Patch,
Kellen Laferriere*



MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION HIGH SCHOOL
Principal's Report
2020 Annual Report

We are quickly approaching the midpoint of the 2020-2021 school year and our faculty, staff, and students are still displaying the eagerness and excitement of the first day of school. As always, our mission at Mill River Union High School is, as a community, to best serve our students and maximize their learning potential. We are extremely proud of our small class sizes, extensive advanced placement (AP) offerings, and our ongoing commitment to and emphasis on a combination of academics, arts, and athletics. All of these lead to what we believe is a personalized, civically-minded, and academically excellent learning environment.

We started our school year off quite differently this year given the pandemic of COVID-19. In early September, students at Mill River Union High School started their year remotely. This approach allowed students to pick up where they left the year prior and engage with their teachers and peers in a controlled environment that allowed for our students, their families, and our staff to remain safe and healthy. Fast forward to the beginning of November and we welcomed our students back into the building in a hybrid format. Even though we were two months into the school year, November 2nd felt like the first day of school as our entire faculty was eager to be back in person. Other than a few small procedures and protocols students and staff have to follow, school feels rather normal.

In a normal year, Mill River would offer a multitude of extracurricular and athletic programs that are a crucial part of our students' and communities' lives. We offer a variety of programs, including baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, cross-country, Interact Club, Model UN, unified bowling, peer tutoring, skiing, snowboarding, Stage 20, Stage 40, yearbook, wrestling, rock climbing, geo-bee, golf, and student government. Our visual and performing arts programs are a highlight of MRU. Approximately 45% of our student body participates in the performing arts, which speaks wonders for the talents of our student body. However, due to COVID restrictions, we are not able to run all of our normal programming. This is only going to be a blip on the radar though. We'll be back to our normal pace before we know it.

Our work in the classroom has also continued to grow and thrive. Teachers and students are continuing their path to proficiency-based learning and assessment. Students are able to personalize their education, all the while manipulating the content learned and applying it to real-world scenarios. No longer are our students just memorizing and forgetting what they have learned. They are obtaining and utilizing the skills necessary to critically think and analyze the world around them. Our learners are becoming global citizens.

As you can see, Mill River Union High School is preparing our future graduates to be leaders, as well as responsible global citizens. Students are proud of their work and we are proud of them.

Thank you,
Tyler Weideman, Principal

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
2021 Sixth Grade Graduating Class



Liam Ricketts

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report from the Superintendent of Schools

It is my pleasure to offer this report on behalf of the Mill River UUSD Superintendent's Office.

2020 has been quite the year. When life is challenging and hectic, we believe that it is important to focus on the simple things and the foundations of what make us who we are as an organization and community. In the MRUUSD we have ten foundational beliefs that we are proud of. The first, and most important of those beliefs, is that students will feel respected, cared for, and loved.

Some might be critical of such a statement, asserting that schools should be in the business of learning only, and focused on the essentials of reading, writing, and arithmetic. While those areas are of course a key part of our focus, we know that if the basic needs of our students are not met, including feeling respected, cared for and loved, the other things become elusive and ultimately unattainable for all. Some students might get to where they need to be. But, many will flounder if we don't meet those needs. Our students are busy. They are hungry. Their lives have been turned upside down by a pandemic. They have dealt with loss and frustration, and have had to learn patience because there is no other option. Through those formative experiences, they need for us to continually show them love, care and respect. We work our tails off to do so, first and foremost by trying to keep them as safe, healthy and connected as we can. We assure you that we will keep that effort up for the long term.

For those not connected to our schools, the following is an overview of some of our key decision-making in 2020:

We completed a challenging March-June 2020 school period focused on providing our students and staff with everything we could, under the complex expectations of fully remote schools as directed by the Governor. Our Board made a public determination, supported by district administration, to fly Black Lives Matter and Pride flags publicly at our schools. This action was met with significant community support AND resistance. Over time a Board Policy was created and adopted to govern that process. To date (as of this writing) no flags beyond the U.S. and VT flags have flown on our school flagpoles.

We opened our school year remotely for all students for 6 weeks, with one exception for students with required support services who were able to attend in-person.

We returned our elementary-aged students (PreK-4th Grade) to in-person learning on October 19th.

We returned our 5th-12th grade students to in-person learning on November 2nd.

Roughly 8% of our student population opted to remain in fully remote learning even when we returned to in person instruction.

Due to limitations caused by the state's guidelines regarding distancing, our students at Mill River Union attend school in person 2 days per week and learn remotely 3 three days per week. Our elementary students attend school in person 5 days per week.

We saw our first positive COVID-19 case in one of our schools the week after Thanksgiving.

We preemptively declared the week after New Years as a remote learning week in order to allow for any multiple-household gathering activity occurring during the holidays to run its course before our in-person return. Understanding the significant impact of the pandemic on families, businesses, and taxpayers' ability to respond to the needs of our schools, we developed a budget for your consideration this year that takes advantage of dollars saved and cuts in central office costs to level fund the budget and maintain a per pupil expenditure increase of 0% for our taxpayers.

We are preparing for the impacts of vaccination in Vermont, not knowing fully what course or timeline that process will follow. We expect to remain under emergency orders and strict health guidelines through the rest of this school year, and hope for a return to "normal" in the Fall of 2021.

If you ever feel like you need more information about what our school district and its schools are up to, we want to help you to find the information you are looking for. Please do not hesitate to call or email any of our principals with any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to call or email our district office with other questions. We'll work hard to point you in the right direction and find answers if we don't know them. We are committed to our students, committed to our schools, and committed to this community - through the best of times and the worst of times. Thank you for supporting all that we do on behalf of our community's students.

Sincerely,
Dave Younce, MRUUSD Superintendent of Schools
<http://millriverschools.org> 802-775-3264

MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Chair Report
2020

Dear Mill River Community,

When I wrote my report on behalf of the Board of Directors last year, one could not even fathom the year that lay before us. As we welcomed a new decade when the clock struck midnight on December 31st, none of us could have imagined that less than 10 weeks later, we all would be thrust into a global pandemic that all but an exceptional few among us, had ever experienced in a lifetime. I am proud to say that our District, our Board, our students and their families all rose to the incredible challenge that was laid before them. Shortly after last year's annual meeting, our schools were closed statewide and terms like "remote learning", "synchronous and asynchronous learning" and "learning pods" became commonplace in our vocabulary.

One of the silver linings, if one can be found in this pandemic situation, is the fact that our meetings which have been virtual since the pandemic began. Virtual meetings have been live streamed and are available on YouTube and we are encouraged when we see that there are a good number of viewers. We also appreciate those that take the time to speak during our public comment and I want to take this opportunity to inform you that we will be having virtual board/community discussion meetings during 2021 to encourage additional participation and an ongoing dialogue between the community and the Board in accordance with our community engagement plan. I hope that you will find the time to watch a live streamed board meeting in the future, offer public input at a meeting or join us at one of our discussion meetings moving forward.

Normally, in this report, I would highlight several of the things that the Board and the District have undertaken during the past year. This year, however, the most important work that the Board conducted was the Board's commitment to and development of an equity policy that was adopted by the Board in June. It was and remains the Board's expectation that adoption of the equity policy would help to further the District's foundational beliefs that *all* of our students are respected, cared for and loved.

Particularly during this pandemic, the sheer scope of this equity work would become even more apparent. While the District was aware of and had been diligently working to eliminate inequities in our educational system and process while engaged in traditional learning even before the adoption of a formal policy, the overnight shift to remote learning laid out new equity challenges to tackle. Access to education, technology necessary to access remote learning and the simplest and most necessary of needs, access to food for our students became paramount issues to be addressed.

Equity work is difficult work as the Board learned firsthand. It is work that requires us to grow and change and neither of those things are without discomfort and pain. This proved true in our community as well, as the District's equity work was met by a community which was simultaneously supportive of and frightened by both the pandemic raging around us and concept of any type of change. The Board and the District persevered with this important work, as we had been elected to do, and continues to work to support all our students and ensure that our schools raise young citizens that are compassionate and accepting of the world around them, inquisitive, and ready and able to rise to whatever challenges lie ahead of them. While we, as a board and a community, do not always agree which path to take to move forward, I do think that we all agree that our children are our greatest strength and our greatest gift. We owe it to them to move forward even when that growth can be challenging and uncomfortable.

Finally, the Board of School Directors is most appreciative of our students and their families who have risen to the challenges that the pandemic shift caused to everyone's "normal" school routine; our staff members and faculty who have stretched their own boundaries and went, in some cases, far beyond their own comfort zones to be able to continue to educate our students in these unprecedented times and to do so with incredible professionalism, love and compassion even while simultaneously themselves juggling their own pandemic-related family issues and concerns; and last but not least, our administrators who have worked, mostly behind the scenes to the community, spending untold long hours including many nights and weekends navigating the guidelines, health requirements and logistics to keep our schools operating and our students learning, to keep us all informed, obtain for our teachers and staff what they needed to be able to teach our students in this COVID-19 world all while also simultaneously handling their own family concerns. None of this has been easy for anyone and while we will seldom, if ever, hear any member of our administration, staff or faculty mention it, there was and continues to be, enormous personal sacrifices that they have all made to ensure that our students remain the District's number one priority.

Never has the adage, "it takes a village to raise a child" been more accurate than during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy A. Heffernan, MRUUSD Board Chair

- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

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Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

July 1, 2020

Haulers must offer food scrap collection to businesses, schools, transfer stations, and apartment complexes with more than four units.

July 1, 2020

Food scraps are banned from landfills. 20 mile limit no longer applies.

July 1, 2017

Transfer stations must accept food scraps.

Generators of 18 tons of food scraps (1 ton per week) must divert if facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2016

Leaf, yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.

Generators of 26 tons/year (2 tons per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2015

Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight. Recyclables are banned from landfills.

Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.

Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.

Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.

Generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2014

Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no charge.

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approx. 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2020, SWAC successfully complied with the Interim Year Act 148 ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. SWAC received approval of its new SWIP in November 2020. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute.. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for collection of their product(s). Current legislation includes collections for architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste Efforts are underway to introduce legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: SWAC contracted with ENPRO Services of Vermont to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. Almost 5 tons of hazardous waste was collected. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze. These events are an expensive undertaking for your towns. Consider alternative products, use the product for its intended purpose, or give to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are

accepted for **free**. Don't wait for the hazardous waste events.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember the **4 Rs - Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose**. Try to use up the product you purchase for its intended use. Leftovers? Consider giving it to a neighbor friend, or charitable organization.

2021 HW Schedule: May 15, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; **October 19, Fair Haven Transfer Station**, 175 Fair haven Avenue. **All event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Date yet to be determined - Pawlet at Dorset School The SWAC website provides additional information as it becomes available.. All events are free to all SWAC residents. **ANY** SWAC resident can attend **ANY** of the events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and

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- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

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provides drop-off of household hazardous waste at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

2020 has been an unprecedentedly difficult year. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives and many of your town clerks, They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Your town was represented by:
Town of Tinmouth Wheaton Squier, Michael Fallar (Alternate)

In an effort to save printing costs, Service Agency Reports have not been included. The following is the list of those reports. Full copies are available at the Town Office. Annual Allotments are included in the Budget on page 14.

American Red Cross	Rutland Free Library
A.R.C. Rutland Area Advocacy, Resources & Community for citizens with developmental disabilities & their families	Rutland Mental Health
Bennington – Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. - BROCC	Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Child First Advocacy	
Green-Up Vermont – Green Up Day, May 1, 2021	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont	Vermont Adult Learning Center
Poultney Rescue Squad	Vermont Center for Independent Living
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership	Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	Vermont Old Cemetery Association
Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	VT Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.
NewStory Center	Wallingford Rescue, Inc.

**TOWN OF TINMOUTH
CITIZEN’S CALENDAR 2021**

- February 27** Town Meeting – Virtual Information Meeting to discuss Budgets, Officers, & Other Business
- March 2** Town Meeting - Australian Ballot Voting – Officers, School Budget, Town Budgets at the Old Firehouse
- April 1** Deadline for Licensing DOGS at Town Office
- April 15** Federal and State Income Tax Due
- May 1** Green-Up Day (most likely 6 unless postponed due to pandemic)
- May 8** Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale
- June 12** Free fishing day
- August 16** 1st Half of Property Taxes Due
- October 23-24** Youth & Novice Deer Hunting weekend
- November 15** 2nd Half of Property Taxes Due
- November 20** 51st Annual Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. Game Supper (Hopefully)
- November 21** Community Thanksgiving Service
- December 31** Hunting & Fishing Licenses expire

Community Calendar can be found on the Tinmouth website.

www.tinmouthvt.org

Minutes
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 29 and March 3, 2020

Moderator Stan Wilbur called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. 77 Voters were present at the Tinmouth Community Center.

Bob Lloyd and Grant Reynolds, the oldest voters present, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those who passed in the past year: Andre George Tardif and Ruth Marie Neilson.

Informational Hearing for Bond Vote:

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Tinmouth in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available town, state and federal funds or grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of constructing a public works garage and a salt/sand shed, the estimated cost of such improvements being Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000)?

The Select Board spoke to the issue. Cathy Reynolds explained the process of developing a budget and permitting for building of a 4-bay or 3-bay town garage. A sand shed is also needed, as sand sometimes runs on to the neighbor's property. The Town Garage would be in front and the salt/sand shed tucked in back. NBF hired Russell Corp. to generate a cost estimate, the town may be able to build for less.

Bond attorney wrote Article 6 advised using total project cost. Capital Building Fund Highway share is currently \$375,000 (MRUUSD merger provided a big boost).

Frank Sears spoke to the long-time planning, beginning in 2016. Amount of bonded money is based on engineering and architect estimates 6 the goal is to keep cost of project as low as possible. The Select Board is looking to the future. The old garage worked for 40 years, build now, not 6if6. It's time to provide the road crew with what they need, to protect equipment, and heated areas to work. Time run with it. Remain prudent to keep cost down. Won't spend \$850,000.

Michael Fallar 6 interesting year looking at project. Started with wish list of \$1.2 million, finalized in November 6 all three agreed that it was too much money, and came up with \$850,000. The Select Board doesn't have a concrete plan, need to look at other options. Now is not the right time to approve. He agreed that equipment needs to be under cover. Is it too much? Design so it can be added on? Should step back and take another look.

Stan Wilbur then asked for questions from voters. Matt Patry shared that when he was on the Select Board, they looked at the facilities back then. The town needs to support the road crew and the equipment, who currently have no running water or toilet facilities; current garage doesn't meet state standards and the state may impose a fine. A new facility will save money in the long run, with a more efficient road crew. Grant Reynolds observed that the new garage is needed due to the smart decision to go to tandem trucks, which don't fit in the garage, can't build for less, cost more for bigger equipment, will cost more later. State wants sand/salt covered. Grant has attended Select Board meetings for years, the Board has struggled to bring cost down, they've done their best. The bond will be only \$350-375,000. Doug Fontein reiterated Matt and Grant's points, 6penny wise and pound foolish6 to put off the project.

There was a long discussion by many present about money, different building companies including a suggestion to consider Morton Buildings, and concerns about costs and suggestions to begin with what we can afford. Money has been set aside over the years for potential project needs, and most agreed that there was a need, though the scale of the project is a concern. There were concerns expressed about lack of civility in discussions. The Select Board was thanked for their research and working out logistics.

Gail Fallar explained about how bond borrowing works, that the total cost of the project must be bonded, but the amount borrowed can be much less. She trusts the Select Board to spend wisely.

The Bond hearing ended at 2:24 pm with a reminder for voting by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Minutes
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 29 and March 3, 2020 (continued)

At 2:25 pm, Moderator Stan Wilbur read the Town Meeting warning:

The 5/6th graders were introduced and thanked for providing lunch. Deputy Sheriff Justin Cram was introduced and thanked. State Representatives Potter and Chesnut-Tangerman were introduced.

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman has been focused on Climate Change solutions, including building resilience in rural communities, and in the minimum wage bill over two years: \$11.75 and \$12.55 by 2022. Rep. Potter supported the climate and minimum wage veto overrides of Act 250 passed out of the house with many changes, aiming for simple and concrete development. The Senate/House conference committee needs to work on it. Both urged everyone to participate in the Census, and the importance re: federal money.

Amy Martone of new School Board member, was thanked for the incredible amount of work she was doing, to a round of applause. Amy spoke to the proposed school budget changes and issues.

Marshall Moö Squier, TVFD Chief, described new equipment, new members and the need for more training. Hollis Squier retired after 30+ years as Assistant Chief (was Chief before that), to a loud round of applause.

David Birdsall reminded everyone to check batteries in smoke detectors, and to replace fire extinguishers if needed.

Grant Reynolds described efforts/progress to restore the Old Creamery. Contributions are appreciated. Building a clean room and ramp are the next steps.

Shelley Sears won the Tinmouth Website raffle, a \$25 dump ticket for finding a clue on the website. Nancy Birdsall encouraged everyone to use the Town website as a resource.

Article 1. Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 17th and 2nd half due November 16th?

Bob Lloyd moved, Doug Fontein seconded. No discussion – voice vote – unanimous

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$237,815 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021?

Bob Lloyd moved, Doug Fontein seconded. No discussion – voice vote – unanimous

Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$514,250 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021?

Bob Lloyd moved, Doug Fontein seconded. No discussion – voice vote – unanimous

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Tinmouth Conservation Fund (to be controlled by the Tinmouth Conservation Commission) for the purpose of conserving the natural and historic heritage of the Town, including land, waters, trails, infrastructure, and facilities that enhance our wildlife and natural areas for the education, recreation and enjoyment of townspeople?

Tracy Byford moved, Nelson Jaquay seconded. Discussion: Doug, as chair of Conservation Commission, spoke of past and future endeavors, including “freeing” Frog Rock, and explained that the fund would allow the accumulation of the \$500 annual allotment. Voice vote – unanimous

Article 5. In the event that Article 4 passes, shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 in FY21 and funding annually by the Select Board?

Bob Lloyd moved, Meadow Squier seconded. Discussion: Cathy asked we amend the article to read “shall voters provide \$500” rather than appropriate. Motion was made and passed to amend on voice vote. Amended Article passed on voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate an additional \$650 (for a total of \$2,500) per year to the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project?

Doug Fontein moved, Betti Jaquay seconded. Gail stepped down as Town Clerk, and spoke as President of the TPMP, to request support for an increase for the fight to control milfoil in Tinmouth Pond. Voice vote – most yes, a few no. Article passed.

TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 29 and March 3, 2020 Minutes (continued)

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$600 to the Rutland County Restorative Justice Council?

Betti Jaquay moved to table, Doug Fontein seconded. Cathy Reynolds explained that we are the only town in the county with this request on its warning. She suggested we wait for County wide initiative. No one from RCRJ was present to explain need/request. Voice vote yes to table the Article.

Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$80,000 in the Capital Building/Repair Fund from Town Buildings to Highway Buildings?

Doug Fontein moved, Bob Lloyd seconded. Cathy explained that there is a \$108,000 FY19 fund balance in the Capital Fund for town buildings. Using \$80,000 of this for the highway buildings will leave \$25,000 for other Town buildings. Voice vote approved, unanimous.

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize \$30,000 from the Housing and Rehabilitation Program to the Capital Building/Repair Fund for the new town garage?

Doug Fontein moved, Bob Lloyd seconded. Cathy explained where the Rehab money came from beginning in 1993, and that repayment comes back to the town. Transferring these funds will reduce the cost to Bond. Rehab programs are now handled by NeighborWorks. If the bond fails, the money will go into the Highway Fund for a future vote. Voice vote approved – unanimous.

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the additional sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of paving?

Doug Fontein moved, Bob Lloyd seconded. Cathy explained that the paving budget was reduced and she would like to have it restored to the budget so that we don't get further behind with paving. Discussion ensued about paving schedule and road conditions. Voice vote – approved by most.

Stan recessed to the meeting at 3:24 pm, to resume with voting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

(To be voted by Australian voting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 (8:00 AM -7:00 PM.)

Article 11. To elect all Town Officers now required by law.

208 Voters cast ballots. All contests were unopposed.

Moderator ó 1 year term **Stan Wilbur**
Select Board Member ó 3 year term **Cathy Reynolds**
Community Center Board Member ó 2 year term **Ann Czar**
Town Clerk ó 3 year term **Gail Fallar**
Town Treasurer ó 3 year term **Gail Fallar**
Lister ó 3 year term **Gail Fallar**
Auditor ó 3 year term **Nancy Gucker Birdsall**
Tax Collector (Delinquent) ó 1 year term **Cat Yoder**
Grand Juror ó 1 year term **Glenn D. Merrill**
Town Agent ó 1 year term **Rick Fallar**

~ **March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election** ~

Republican: Donald Trump ó 55; Weld ó 1;

Democrat: Joseph Biden ó 33 votes; Bloomburgó16; Buttigiegó5; Gabbardó7; Bernie Sandersó68; Warren-11

~ **Presidential Election November 3, 2020 ~ 346 Votes Cast ~ 80% voted early or absentee**

Combining both districts: *President:* **Biden** 170 to 163 for Trump; *Governor:* **Scott** 242 to 81 for Zuckerman; *Lt. Governor:* **Milne** 185 to Grayó 139 (Gray won statewide); *Treasurer:* **Branagan** 160 to Pearceó 148 (Pearce was re-elected); *Rutland County Senate:* **Williams** 149, **Collamore** with 145, **Terenzini** 134, Hooker 131 and Cox 115 (winners were Collamore, Terenzini and Hooker). *Rut-2 District Reps:* **Potter** with 49, Fredette with 37, Burditt with 35 and Peterson with 34 ó (Burditt and Peterson were the winners). *Rut-Benn District Rep:* **Achey** 128 and 121 for Chesnut-Tangerman (Achey won district).

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District #U052
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford

See minutes at:
millriverschools.org

WARNING
Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford
February 25, 2021

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet virtually at the following link: meet.google.com/ojv-ewuc-wrw or via phone at [318-565-6180](tel:318-565-6180) PIN: 228 924 684# on February 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer. (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 2** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from District towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date. (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 3** To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend \$18,896,395, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,543.15 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.98% lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY21 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$200,000? (By Australian Ballot)

The meeting will then be recessed to March 2, 2021 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

Approved by the MRUUSD Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 13 th day of January 2021.

Tammy Heffernan, Wallingford

Heather Kent, District Clerk



WARNING
TINMOUTH TOWN MEETING
February 27, 2021 and March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet virtually (please see link below) on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of being provided information and to discuss the articles to be voted March 2, 2021.

The legal voters of the Town of Tinmouth, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote at the Old Fire House on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 - 4 Viz:

Article 1. Shall taxes be paid to the Treasurer, 1st half due August 16th and 2nd half due November 15th?

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$234,590 for general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022?

Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$548,250 for highway expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022?

Article 4. To elect all Town Officers now required by law.
Moderator ó 1 year term
Select Board Member ó 3 year term
Road Commissioner ó 3 year term
Lister ó 3 year term
Auditor ó 3 year term
Tax Collector (Delinquent) ó 1 year term

Dated at Tinmouth, Vermont this 26th day of January, 2021.

Select Board Town of Tinmouth, Vermont

Frank Sears, Chair

Cathy Reynolds

Michael Fallar

Informational Virtual Meeting – 1:00 pm if you wish to participate via teleconferencing please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://www.gotomeet.me/GailFallar>. If this link doesn't work, please contact the town office by email tinmouthtown@vermontel.net by 5:00 pm, Thursday February 25, and you will be forwarded the link via email.

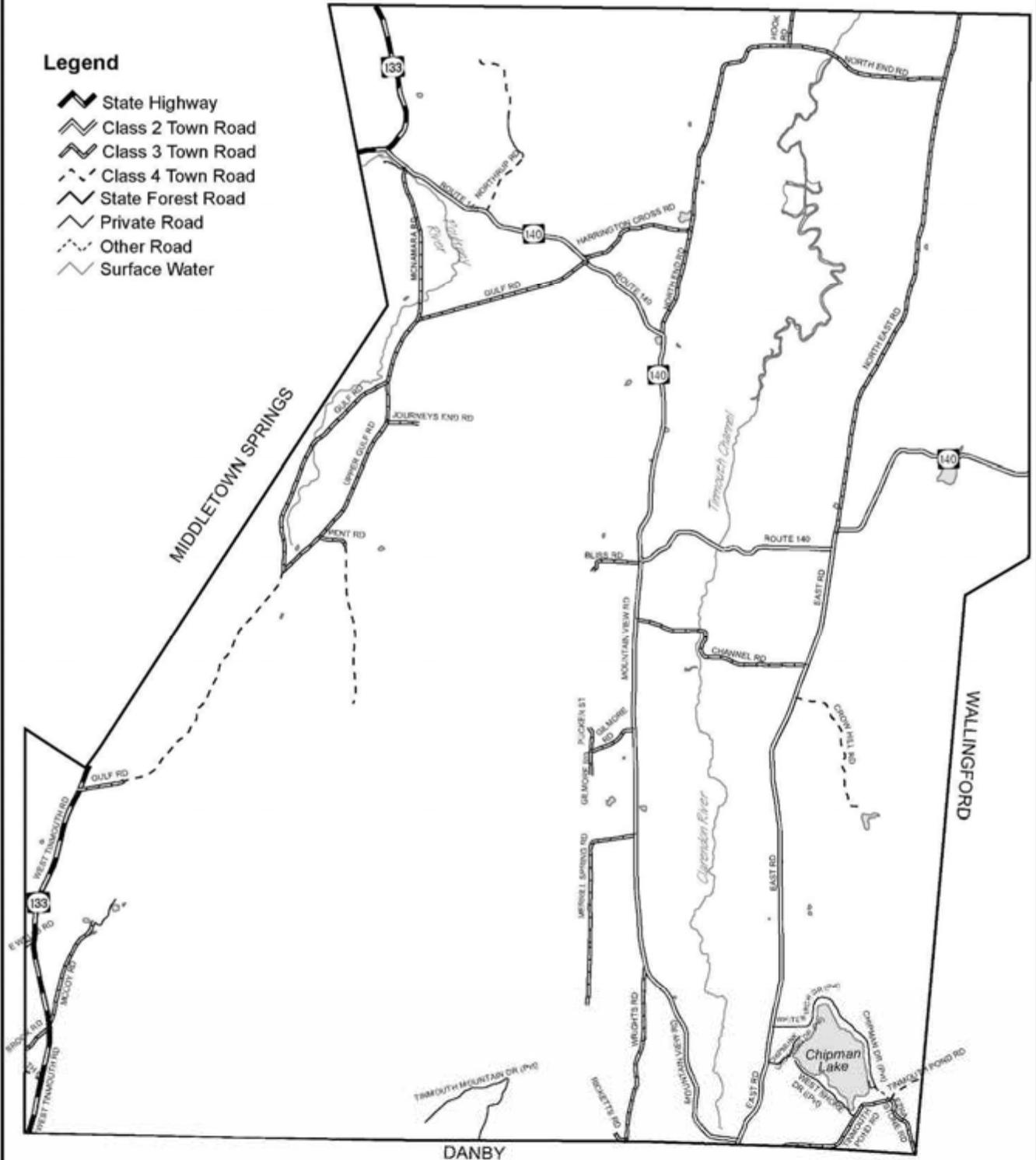
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Legend

-  State Highway
-  Class 2 Town Road
-  Class 3 Town Road
-  Class 4 Town Road
-  State Forest Road
-  Private Road
-  Other Road
-  Surface Water



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 - 1:00 pm Virtual Town Meeting.

See Warning for link or phone # to call.

Discussion of Town & Highway Budgets and Public Questions

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 - 8:00 am to 7:00 pm OLD FIREHOUSE

**Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers, Town & Highway
Budgets & School Budget Items**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 - 11:30 am Tinmouth Community Fund
Virtual Annual Meeting via Zoom**